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SUBJECT: FLEXIBILITY STUDY

REFS: A. MCM-28-75  
B. USNATO 2314  
C. USNATO 6909(74)

BY MILITARY COMMITTEE MEMORANDUM 28-75 DATED MAY 7, 1975, THE MILITARY  
COMMITTEE INFORMED SYG LUNS THAT THE MC HAVE DECIDED NOT TO FORWARD  
FOR CONSIDERATION BY DPC MINISTERS SACEUR'S SECOND REPORT ON  
FLEXIBILITY CITING THAT ARRIVAL OF THE REPORT DOES NOT ALLOW TIME  
FOR PROPER EVALUATION BY MC IN VIEW OF LENGTH AND NUMBER OF SUB-  
STANTIVE POINTS CONTAINED IN REPORT. AS A RESULT OF THE MC DECISION  
SYG LUNS MAY ASK PERM REPS TO DROP SACEUR'S FLEXIBILITY STUDY FROM THE  
DPC MINISTERIAL AGENDA. MISSION BELIEVES THAT THE STATUS OF THE  
FLEXIBILITY STUDY SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO MINISTERS' ATTENTION. WE  
PROPOSE THAT THE US ASK SYG LUNS TO RETAIN THE FLEXIBILITY STUDY ON  
THE DPC MINISTERIAL AGENDA SO THAT MINISTERS MAY REGISTER THEIR  
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COMMENTS AND EXPRESS THEIR DISAPPOINTMENT IN THE PROGRESS ON  
THIS IMPORTANT NATO STUDY. REQUEST WASHINGTON GUIDANCE BY  
OPENING OF BUSINESS MAY 13, 1975, BRUSSELS TIME. FYI. THE  
CHAIRMAN OF THE MC IS PREPARED TO COMMENT ON THIS SUBJECT AT

THE DPC MINISTERIAL. THIS INFORMATION WAS CONTAINED IN A LETTER FROM CHAIRMAN OF THE MC ADM SIR PETER HILL-NORTON TO SYG, QUOTED BELOW:

QUOTE:

YOU WILL HAVE SEEN MCM-28-75 ABOUT SACEUR'S FLEXIBILITY STUDY. THE MCM (WHICH I DID NOT SEE INDRAFT) SHOULD HAVE CONTAINED THE FURTHER INFORMATION THAT I PROPOSE TO INCLUDE IN MY STATEMENT TO MINISTERS AT THE DPC AND TO HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT AT THE CONCIL NEXT MONTH SOME REMARKS ON THIS HIGHLY IMPORTANT AND DETAILED DOCUMENT. I THINK IT WOULD BE MOST UNWISE TO GO FURTHER UNTIL THE MILITARY COMMITTEE HAVE HAD A OPPORTUNITY THOROUGHLY TO EXAMINE SACEUR'S WORK, AND OWING TO ITS VERY LATE RECEIPT THIS CETAINLY CANNOT BE DONE BEFORE THE MINISTERIAL MEETINGS.

I AM SENDING A PRIVATE COPY OF THIS NOTE TO MR BRUCE WHOSE DELEGATION HAS EXPRESSED SOME ANXIETY ABOUT THE PROPOSED TREATMENT OF THE MATTER.

END QUOTE

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